

The road less travelled

'Burst pipe reported in 2016!'



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Rustenburg – What started out as a pothole from a burst pipe in Brons Street in the Zinniaville Industrial area, has soon become a ravine. Commuters now have to take the road less travelled: literally driving next to the road to avoid damaging the vehicles.

In an interview with the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper, Jo Venter at Water Flex Rustenburg, she said: "The burst pipe was reported to the municipality in August 2016 already. 2016!"

She added: "Since the pipe burst and was reported, no attempts by the municipality have been made to rectify this problem. At the beginning of 2018 complaints could no longer be reported to the municipality as the municipality refuses to give a reference number, complaints now must be registered in person at the Fire Department causing much frustration."

Companies such as Barloworld and Water Flex took it upon themselves by spending thousands of their own money to fill up the huge hole. Barloworld has filled up this deep ravine at their own expense on more than one occasion. Nonetheless, this only lasts for a few days due to the high, heavy traffic volumes experienced in the area. Companies and motorists alike are at the end of their tether with this situation.

The area is being used by some people as an ablution facility, people are often seen washing themselves in this water, and this could become a major health hazard. "We're frustrated, after spending many hours on phone calls and trips to and from the municipality as well as the Fire Department."



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We have even gone as far as to report this situation on the municipality's Facebook page. To date, we have still seen no action or received feedback from the relevant departments. Soon we will not be able to gain access to our workplaces as the road is in such a state," says Venter.

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Armed robbery at Radio Mafisa

Rustenburg – During the late-night hours of Tuesday, 30 January, when radio presenter Tsholofelo Tshukutswane was presenting her show from 22h00 until 02h00, was caught off-guard by a group of three men armed with knives.

In studio, Tshukutswane was presenting her show when the station's security guard entered the studio and told her that she had visitors. The unsuspecting Tshukutswane was suddenly surprised by three armed men who entered the studio along with the security guard.

Tshukutswane was overpowered, blindfolded and tied up by the suspects. The armed suspects raided the premises taking eight computers, four plasma TVs, a sound mixer and a box full of branded football jerseys and socks.

The suspects fled the scene along with the security guard.

Tshukutswane was left unharmed and managed to untie herself. The alarm was

raised when the presenter of the following show came to the studio to relieve Tshukutswane. The security guard was nowhere to be found on the premises.

"We are grateful that our presenter was not injured in the robbery. We have been on air for the past 22 years and have never experienced anything of this kind before. We were off air for a while but managed to make the necessary arrangements – as the show must go on," Virtue Fongoma, station manager at Radio Mafisa said in an interview with the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper.

"It was a frightening experience; I was alone and extremely afraid. We report on the news and never expect things like this to happen to us," said Tshukutswane.

Says captain Elsabe Augostides, police spokesperson: "We suspect that the security guard was working in cahoots with the suspects. The investigation is ongoing."



Shocked and shaken: Tsholofelo Tshukutswane, radio presenter.

Join the East End Community march

9 February '18



Rustenburg – The East End Community organise a march against drugs, human trafficking and prostitution. Everyone is welcome to join!

Date: Friday, 9 February
Time: 14h00
Assembly Point: Bobby's Club, East End, c/o Church and Hefer streets
The march will commence at Bobby's Club, up to the Rustenburg Police Station to hand over a memorandum, and then back to Bobby's.

Notice: CPF executive elections



Rustenburg – You are cordially invited to Rustenburg's Community Police Forum (CPF) executive elections.

All CPF sub-forums should please bring their nomination forms along.

Date: 7 March
Time: 18h00
Venue: Agape Church, near the Waterfall Mall, in Cuckoo avenue

For additional information, contact Tinnie Bosman on 083-625 3556 or lieutenant colonel Sebele on 082-416 2275, or sergeant Motepe on 014-590 4185.

Rustenburg needs strong leadership to fight against crime in partnership with the police.